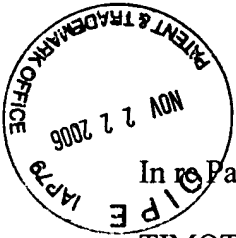


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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 22, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, please accept this Request for Continued Examination, which is timely filed, and enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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